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SUBJ: MOV LOANS SETTLEMENT

NEW DELHI FOR RLA O' DONNELL AND CONTROLLER

REF: A) COLOMBO 2031, 9/11/69

B) COLOMBO 1103, 5/4/70

C) STATE 67904

D) AIDTO CIRC A-1572, 11/17/72

E) STATE 75970

1. BEFORE RESPONDING TO COOREY LETTER OF JAN 15, 1973,
MISSION WISHES SUBMIT FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON
STATE 67904 AND 75970 FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION:

2. COOREY DISTINCTION BETWEEN ICA AND DLF LOANS: MISSION
HAS CONDUCTED EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF ITS FILES AND OF
MATERIALS FURNISHED BY AID/ W COVERING PERIOD BEFORE
RECEIPT OF LETTER DATED MAY 16, 1970 FROM GOC DEPUTY
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY COOREY, IN WHICH HE APPEARED TO
ACCEPT USG POSITION THAT APPROPRIATE EXCHANGE RATE TO BE USED
IN REPAYMENT PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DLF LOANS 489 AND 156
AND ICAX LOANS 83-1, 83-2, AND 83-3 SHOULD BE FEEC RATE
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PREVAILING AT TIME OF REPAYMENT. THIS REVIEW HAS FAILED
PROVIDE CLEAR- CUT EVIDENCE THAT MOV CLAUSES IN ICA LOANS HAD
IN FACT PREVIOUSLY BEEN REVIEWED WITH GOC REPRESENTATIVES,
SUCH REVIEW LEADING TO MUTUAL AGREEMENT THAT ICA LOANS WERE
COVERED. THUS, WE HAVE NO BASIS REFUTE SECRETARY COOREYS
STATEMENT THAT HIS LETTER OF 5/16/70 INCLUDED ICA LOANS IN ORDER
RESPOND ALL POINTS IN BENSONS EARLIER COMMUNICATION WHILE
ACTUALLY HE WAS DEALING ONLY WITH PRIUNTS TO 450 METRIC TONS FOR THE
NOODLE PROGRAM
AND 500 METRIC TONS FOR THE MATERNAL- CHILD HEALTH
PROGRAM, OR A TOTAL OF 950 METRIC TONS PER YEAR

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE
UNABLE TO SUPPLY DRIED MILK BEGINNING 1 JULY 1973, I
WISH TO SUGGEST THAT THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT
URGENTLY ADDRESS ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS ESSENTIAL
COMMODITY TO OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS
AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN AND TO THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY. CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS
COMMODITY TO THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN
LAOS, I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS
WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY TO REQUESTS FROM THE ROYAL
LAO GOVERNMENT. IF THE USAID CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN
THIS REGARD, KINDLY ADVISE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. DIRECTOR GENERAL, THE ASSURANCES
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. CHARLES A. MANN, DIRECTOR
UNQUOTE.
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